Name of Region	Wheat	%age	Rice	%age	Paddy	%age	Others	%age	Total Stock
Rajasthan	1927	98	44	2	0	0	0	0	1971
Uttar Pradesh	2627	23	8420	75	147	1	4	0	11198
Zone Total	7629	9	64329	76	12233	15	4	0	84195
South Zone									
Andhra Pradesh	126	65	44	23	24	12	0	0	194
Kerala	244	6	3670	94	0	0	0	0	3914
Karnataka	485	17	2400	83	0	0	0	0	2885
Tamil Nadu	1004	32	2179	68	0	0	0	0	3183
Zone Total	1859	18	8293	81	24	0	0	0	10176
West Zone									
Gujarat	2884	44	3683	56	0	0	0	0	6567
Maharashtra	991	11	7906	89	0	0	0	0	8897
Madhya Pradesh	795	4	17848	96	0	0	0	0	18643
Zone Total	4670	14	29437	86	0	0	0	0	34107
Country Total	19370	10	159255	83	12277	6	4	0	190906

Selling of foodgrains in open market by FCI

516. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains sold in the open market by the Food Corporation of India in the month of March, 2000 and also a comparative statement of sales in the year 1999, month-wise;

(b) whether there is any abnormal increase in sales in the March, 2000; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) FCI has liquidated 955.63 thousand tonnes of wheat during March, 2000 under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) of Wheat. The month-wise lifting position of wheat during 1999 under this scheme is as follows:—

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

Month	Offtake
1	2
March, 99	96.28
April, 99	20.35

1	2
May, 99	1.19
June, 99	7.80
July, 99	27.20
August, 99	75.09
September, 99	252.36
October, 99	378.05
November, 99	401.20
December, 99	546.83
January, 2000	850.50
February, 2000	909.26
March, 2000	955.63

(b) and (c) The increase in open market sale of wheat started from January, 2000 and it was maximum during March, 2000. As the lean season in respect of wheat starts from September, till fresh arrivals in April during New Rabi season, the sales registered an increase upto March. No rice has been sold under OMSS (D) during this period.

Closing down of Super Bazar

517. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down Super Bazar, a cooperative enterprise which is running in loss every year;

(b) whether Government have assessed the losses due to mismanagement;

(c) if so, the details thereof;